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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have become aware that a request has been made (WC Docket No. 18-141) by the largest telecom companies to reduce competition for broadband services. I, as an individual consumer, sincerely hope that that request will not be granted. My current broadband service is through a local ISP that buys wholesale the use of legacy copper infrastructure to provide me and my neighbors with DSL service. When my ISP gets enough market penetration in a location, they implement their own fiber infrastructure. With my current plan I get excellent (very highly rated) customer service (internet + telephone) at a reasonable price. I look forward to the day when I can get fiber service from this same provider. The resulting competition will help bring down the cost and improve customer service from the big providers. The last thing I would like to see is my current ISP being forced out of business and my having to use a big telecom company with their high prices and notoriously bad customer service.

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